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# ALMANAC FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1874. Being a Common Year of 365 Days.

Moon's signs.		OF THE ZODIAC.		PLANETS AND	D ASPECTS.
New Moon. First Quarter  New Moon. Last Quarter	Bull. Bull	TTO .	Bowman. Goat. Waterman. Fishes.	b Saturn. Ly Jupiter. S Mars. O Sun.	<ul><li>♀ Venus.</li><li>屖 Mercury.</li><li>夃 Moon.</li><li>ͿͿ Herschel.</li></ul>
	degrees apart. Opposition, when the	△ Trine, ney are 180 de	when they	ey are 90 degrees are 120 degrees t.	es distant.
The Latin Names of the Aries (Ram), Taurus (Bull), G Scorpio (Scorpion), Sagittariu	emini (Twins), Cano	er (Crab), Leo	(Lion), Virg Aquarius (	go (Virgin), Lib Waterman), Pi	ra (Balance) sces (Fishes)
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February 25.	May 27.	September		Decemb	er 16.
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There will be four Eclipses The first is a Total Eclips ble; visible in the southern pa The second is a Partial Ec invisible here. The third is an Annular E invisible; visible in Europe, A	e of the Sun, April art of South Americ clipse of the Moon, I clipse of the Sun, O	nd two of the l 16th, 8 o'clock a, South Sea, May 1st, 11 o'c	Moon. k, 18 min. i and souther clock, 6 min	n part of Africa	n; therefore
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(b) Saturn is, on the 25th, in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

### MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 2d day, 2 o'clock, 2 min. Afternoon.

Last Quarter, 10th " 2 " 54 " Afternoon.

New Moon, 18th " 3 " 0 " Morning.

First Quarter, 24th " 7 " 41 " Evening.

#### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, changeable; 2, 3, snow; 4, 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, 9, mild; 10, 11, cloudy, with snow; 12, 13, 14, N. W. cold; 15, 16, 17, variable; 18, 19, rain and snow; 20, 21, clear, cold; 22, snow; 23, 24, 25, N. W. cold; 26, 27, variable; 28, 29, rain and snow; 30, 31, cold.



NEW YEAR.

Shooting, drumming, fantastical processions, and the like, are very much out of place. Gladness is right, and cheerfulness; but not such absurdities.

# WHY GO SO FAR FROM HOME?

"Why shall we send missionaries, money, and Bibles to the heathen across the ocean, when we have millions in our own land who are not Christians?"

So some ask, and the question puzzles many. We answer it thus:

1. What right have we to keep the Gospel from Asia, Africa, Japan, &c., until all in America are converted? Never will this be. To the end of the world there will be among us many wicked and unbelieving men.

2. The Apostles did not wait until all in Jerusalem and Palestine had become Christians, before they carried the Gospel into Asia Minor.

No. The idea of Missions, from the time of our Lord until now, has been this: Plant the Church here and there, in central places, as a leavening power. Only thus can the whole world be made to hear the Gospel.

To wait until every one had become a Christian, would be to kill all Mission work. If our European fathers had acted on this principle, where would we now be?

# OUR BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It was elected by the General Synod at Cincinnati, in December, 1872, and met in Harrisburg, Pa., in April, 1873. It organized by electing Rev. T. S. Johnston, D. D., President; Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D., Vice President; and Rev. F. W. Kremer, D.D., Secretary.

After adopting a Constitution, and making pro-

vision for incorporation, it passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Board, Japan presents the most promising field for missionary effort on our part, and we, therefore, instruct the Executive Committee to obtain the information necessary to enable us to make an intelligent selection of a base of operations.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee take immediate steps to secure suitable persons to engage in the missionary work.

In another part of the Almanac will be found

some important facts in regard to Japan.

Now that we have again taken up a work so long neglected by us, let our congregations and Sunday-Schools take a deep interest in it. May God direct and bless our work!

# DAILY DUTY.

"Each day its duty brings. The undone task of yesterday cannot be now fulfilled Without some current work's displacement. 'Time And tide will wait for none.' Then let us act So that they need not wait, and keep abreast With them by the discharge of each day's claim; For each new dawn, like a prolific tree, Blossoms with blessings and with duties, which So interwoven grow that he who shirks The latter fails the first. Ye cannot pick The dainty, and refuse the task. To win The smile of Him who did his Father's will In the great work assigned Him, while 'twas day, With love self-sacrificing, His high course We must with prayerful footsteps imitate; And, knowing not what one day may bring forth, Live so that Death, come when he may, shall find Us not defaulters in arrears with Time—Mourning, like Titus, 'I have lost a day!—But busily engaged on something which Shall cast a blessing on the world; rebound With one to our own breast, and tend to give To man some benefit, to God some praise."

Do you like our title-page? It gives food for study. Above is the Bible, and the Lamb of God; below, the anchor of hope, and the dove as the emblem of the Spirit; between, the baptismal font and the communion service.

Weeks and Days.    Daily Bible   Moon's Phases, Aspects   S. Sun Sur Place.   Moon's Phases, Aspects   S. Sun Sur	O.styl
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6] Sexagesima Sunday, Luke 8: 4-15; 2 Cor. 11: 11-12: 9. Day's Length, 10 hours, 16	nin.
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7] Quinquagesima Sunday, Luke 18: 31-43; 1 Cor. 13: 1-13. Day's Length, 10 hours, 34	
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8] 1st Sunday in Lent, Matthew 4: 1-11; 2 Cor. 6: 1-10. Day's Length, 10 hours, 50	min.
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(?) Venus is Morning Star till the 23d of February, 8 o'clock, 21 min. in the Morning; then Evening Star till the 9th of December, 12 o'clock. 42 min. in the Morning; then again Morning Star to the end of the year

# MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 1st day, 6 o'clock, 34 min. Morning.

Last Quarter, 9th " 11 " 27 " Forencon.

New Moon, 16th " 2 " 13 " Afterncon.

First Quarter, 23d " 5 " 44 " Morning.

# CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, coldest days; 4, 5, snow; 6, 7, 8, 9, N. W. cold; 10, 11, 12, moderate; 13, cloudy; 14, 15, 16, rain and snow; 17, 18, clear; 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, 27, rain; 28, cold.

# REFORMED ALMA-NACS.

1. The only Almanac of our Church, for a number of years, was the German, published at Cleveland, Ohic. 2. In 1864 the Eastern Board of Publication published the first one of this English series.
3. In 1872 the same Board published a German Almanac.
4. In 1873 the Western Board of Publication published their first English one.

Almanacs are published also by the Lutheran Church, Episcopal, United Brethren, Methodist, Roman Catholic, and a few other Churches.

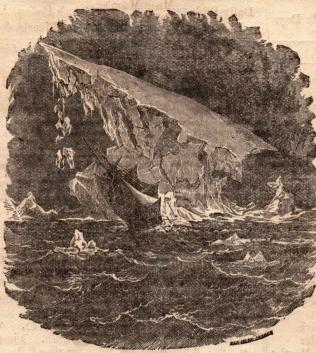
In this way a vast amount of information in regard to the work and condition of the Church may be spread before the people. The Almanac may be studied with great profit.

# GIVE THEM RIGHT NAMES.

At baptism, the minister says, "Name the child." On no account allow yourself to say Frank, Kate, Sallie, Harry, &c. These shortened forms may do for daily use; but let the baptismal name of the child be full, correct, and proper. "Oh," you say, "Catharine, Henry, &c., sounds so old and odd for a child." But your child will not always be a child; and you are naming him not for childhood but for his whole life.

# OUT OF THE OLD RUTS.

Some are afraid of any change. They want to keep in the old ruts; but these often get too deep, and make the way very rough. Better turn out a little. Keep in the old road, but you may have several tracks in it.



# WEARING MOURN-ING.

This custom, almost sacred from long use, is deeply-rooted in the life of our people. It may sound harsh to call it a foolish custom, but consider these three things:—

1. Why do only females wear black? Do others not mourn? Or, if a little crape on the man's hat is enough, why is not a little crape on the woman's bonnet a proper token of respect?

2. Why is black worn for just twelve months? Does sorrow then cease? Does it always last even so long?

3. See how the poor often wrong both themselves and others by casting aside former clothing, and trying to show respect for their dead by wearing black, lest they may be thought heartless!

A little reflection on the subject will at least do no harm.

# THE LORD'S BUSINESS.

The business of the congregation is often very badly managed. Much is left quite undone. Much is carelessly done. Much is over-done. Officers should recollect that they are under oath for the faithful discharge of their duties; but, besides this, gratitude to God, and holy zeal for His cause should make them faithful. Let the Lord's business be done just as man's business is done, namely, on correct business principles, promptly, and carefully.

907 Arch Street, Philadelphia (instead of 54 North Sixth) is the new home of our Publication Board.

Days. Remarkable Days.	Lessons. h. m.		s, &c. m.h.m.h.m.
9] 2d Sunday in Lent, Matthew	7 15: 21-28; 1 Th	ness. 4: 1-8. Day's	Length, 11 hours, 10 min.
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10] 3d Sunday in Lent, Luk	e 11: 14-28; Eph	. 5: 1-9. Day's	Length, 11 hours, 28 min.
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11] 4th Sunday in Lent, Joh	n 6: 1-15; Gal. 4	4: 21-31. Day's	Length, 11 hours, 46 min.
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12] 5th Sunday in Lent, Joh	n 8: 46-59; Heb.	9: 11-15. Day	's Length, 12 hours, 4 min.
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# (2) Jupiter is the 17th in opposition with the Sun, nearest to the earth, and shines all night.

# MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 3d day, 12 o'clock, 20 min. Morning.

Last Quarter, 11th " 4 " 32 " Morning.

New Moon, 18th " 12 " 1 " Morning.

First Quarter, 24th " 5 " 30 " Evening.

# CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER

1, 2, 3, cold; 4, 5, 6, rain and snow; 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, windy, cold; 11, 12, mild; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, 17, clear; 18, 19, stormy, rainy; 20, 21, 22, variable; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, rain; 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, pleasant weather.



Dr. F. A. RAUCH, First President of Marshall College, Born July 27th, 1806.—Died March 2d, 1841, Aged 34 yrs., 7 mos., and 6 days.

# OUR GROWTH.

The following extract from the Report on the State of the Church, adopted by the General Synod at Cincinnati, shows the growth of our Church for three years, from Nov., 1869, to Nov., 1872:

"The number of ministers has grown from 526 to 586, a net increase of 60; the congregations from 1179 to 1312, an increase of 133; the membership from 117,910 to 130,299, an increase of 12,389; the additions by certificate and confirmation from 28,962 to 32,809, an increase of 3,847; and the contributions from \$228,817.94, the sum total for the three years ending with November, 1869, to \$247,386.12, the sum total for the three years which have just ended, the increase being \$18,568.18."

While pastors are looking after the lost sheep outside of the Church, let them not neglect the lost who are within!

# CHURCH STATISTICS.

The census of 1870 gives us 38,000,000 of a population; 63,000 churches, accommodating about 21,000,000; all church property valued at \$360,000,000. (Besides this, there are in the Territories and the District of Columbia 560 churches, accommodating 269,500, and church property valued at about \$5,000,000.)

The following table is valuable, showing the increase of church buildings in the different denominations, from 1850-60-70:

	Churches				
Denomination.	1870.	1860.	1850.		
Methodist	21,347	19,883	13,302		
Baptist		12,150	9,563		
Presbyterian		6,406	4,858		
Catholic		2,550	1,222		
Christian		2,068	875		
Lutheran		2,128	1,231		
Congregational		2,234	2,725		
Episcopal		2,145	1,459		
German Reformed		676	341		
Friends	662	726	726		
Universalist	602	664	530		
Unitarian	310	264	245		
Mormon		24	16		
Jewish	152	77	36		

# STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

The Reformed Church in the United States has, under the General Synod (1873), 5 District Synods, 35 Classes, 595 ministers, 1331 congregations, 132, 195 confirmed members, 76,133 unconfirmed members, 1,044 Sunday Schools, and 64,588 S.S. scholars. The amount contributed for strictly benevolent purposes was: in 1870, \$94,019.90; in 1871, \$66, 715.02; in 1872, \$86,651.58. Total in three years, \$247,386.50. In 1873, \$91,427.19.

# THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AUSTRIA.

It numbers 4,000,000 members. For many years these people were oppressed and hindered by laws and regulations, which altogether favored the Roman Catholic Church; but now these Reformed people are fully free, and our Church there will prosper.

# TRIBUTES OF RESPECT.

What wonderful specimens of theological judgment you find in many of these documents! They set the man right into the kingdom above, although he perhaps mocked at the kingdom below!

Weeks and Days. Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon Moon's R&S Place. h. m. 3. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects s. Sun Sun O sl. rises sets m.h.m.h.m.
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14] Easter Sunday, J		170	Day's Length, 12 hours, 42 min.
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15] 1st Sunday after Easter,	John 20: 19-31	The second second	4-10. Day's Length, 12 hours, 58 min.
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  Monday 12 Sabas 13 Justin Martyn 14 John Eccart 15 Simon Dach 16 Peter Waldo 17 Mappalicus 18 Luther at Worms	John 1:	3 40 16 4 22 0 5 2 14 0 sets. 28	\$\frac{\psi}{\text{In Aphelion}}
16] 2d Sunday after Easter,	John 10: 12–16	; 1 Peter 2: 2	1-25. Day's Length, 13 hours, 16 min.
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  19 Melanchthon John Bugenhag 21 Anselm of Cant. 22 Origen Adalbert 24 Wilfrid Saturday 25 Mark, Evang.	John 7:	12 22 4 16 1 12 28 1 54 10	Q sets 7 48       15 22 6 38 7         O enters 8       15 20 6 40 8         It rises 1 50       15 19 6 41 9         25 18 6 42 10         Spica south 11 10       25 16 6 44 12         Orion sets 10 1       25 15 6 45 13
17] 3d Sunday after Easter,	John 16: 16-23	; 1 Peter 2: 1	1-20. Day's Length, 13 hours, 32 min.
Sunday 26 Trudpert Monday 27 Otto Catelin 28 Fred. Myconius Wednesday 29 L. von Berquin Thursday 30 Geo. Calixtus	John 13: 14:  " 15:  " 16: 17:  " 18:  " 19:	3 16 3 16 3 42 28 4 4 4 10	H O. Q sets 8 0   25 146 4614   25 126 4815   2 5

# MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon, 1st day, 6 o'clock, 18 min. Evening.

Last Quarter, 9th " 5 " 10 " Evening.

New Moon, 16th " 8 " 51 " Morning.

First Quarter, 23d " 7 " 2 " Morning.

# CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, variable; 2, 3, 4, rain; 5, 6, 7, N. W. wind; 8, 9, 10, rain; 11, 12, 13, pleasant; 14, 15, 16, thunder showers; 17, 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, 28, warm; 29, 30, thunder showers.

# WHAT SPOILS THE CALCULATIONS?

In the Eastern and Potomac Synods, there are about 80,000 members, under about 280 pastors. When money is to be raised, say \$20,-000, the calculation is made thus: "If each member gives only twenty-five cents, and each can do that, the amount will come in." Then a circular is sent to each pastor, stating the object and amount, and asking him to give his people an opportunity to give. But if 200 of these 280 pastors throw the circular into the waste-basket, will the money be raised?

Of course, the calculation fails, and many good people are discouraged. Was the calculation bad or unfair? What, then,

spoiled it?

Is it not really an easy matter for a church of 80,000 members to raise in one year \$80,000 for a special object, say the College or Seminary of the Church? The failure lies not in the calculation, but in its application. Hundreds of pastors never try to do their part; while an equal number only half try. (See, for example, the "Dollar Endowment Scheme" for Franklin and Marshall College, which yielded less than \$20,000, instead of \$100,000!)

The only fair and successful way to get money for church work is to reach every member. The small amounts of the poor will show well beside the large gifts of the rich. It is a matter of plain history and figures, that nearly all the benevolent institutions of the country are mainly supported by the poor. No class of people give more cheerfully, and we sin by passing them by.

What, then, spoils a good calculation? Neglect-

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#### MAKING EXCUSES.

Many people neglect their duties, and then give this and that excuse—roads, weather, health, loss of sleep, distance,—any but the right and true one! Thus they are lying to the Holy Ghost. If you doubt it, read Acts 5: 1-11. What a fearful sin! How shameful for a Christian to keep back the real reason, and give a lie! How much better to confess a sin than to excuse or justify it!

# A NEW HYMN BOOK.

We need one, badly; but it will not be easy for our old and middleaged people to give up

the old one that has been in use for forty years. Much in the old one should be left out, and much that is out should be in it. Accordingly, the late General Synod at Cincinnati appointed a Committee (Revs. Dr. E. E. Higbee, D. Van Horne, Dr. James Bossard, Dr. Geo. B. Russell, Dr. Benj. Bausman, and Elders L. H. Steiner, M. D., and Benj. Kuhns) to engage in the work of preparing a new Hymn Book, and to report to the General Synod in 1875.

# HEAVY FIGURES.

From May, 1872, to May, 1873, the Presbyterian Church raised \$1,350,000 for church work, and proposes to raise even more during the next year, to be appropriated as follows:

Foreign Missions	\$600,000
Home "	352,500
Sustentation	82,500
Education	105,000
Church Erection	. 120,000
Freedmen	75,000
Publication	75,000
Ministerial Relief	90,000

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Friday Saturday	Philip James Athanasius	John 20: " 21:	7 59 19	1st. Q sets 8	10 \(\hat{\capsta}\) 35 Lat S. 35	7 6 53 19 6 6 54 20
18] 4th St	unday after Easter,	John 16: 5-1	5; James 1:	6-21. Day's Le	ength, 13 hour	rs, 50 min.
Thursday Friday Saturday	3 Monica 4 Florian 5 Fred. the Wise 6 John of Damase. 7 Otto the Great 8 Stanislaus 9 Greg. Nazianzen	" 8: " 9: " 10:	9 32 7 10 10 28 29 11 20 7 14 morn. 28 12 12 13 13 12 56 28	Osirius sets 8 53 Orion sets 9 18 Spica south 10 2 Opt. 4 Opt. 9 set	35 35 45 2 [49 45 rises 12 45 8 8 29 44	5 6 55 21 4 6 56 22 3 6 57 23 2 6 58 24 1 6 59 25 0 7 0 26 59 7 1 27
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20] 6th St	unday after Easter,	John 15: 26-16:	: 14; 1 Peter	4: 8-11. Day's I	ength, 14 hou	ers, 16 min.
Sunday Monday Tuesday	17 Joachim of Flor. 18 80 Marts. under Val. 19 Alcuin 20 Val. Herberger 21 Constantine 22 Castus & Aemil. 23 Jerome Savonar.	1 John 1:	9 10 10 10 10 10 11 8 11 52 2 2 11 12 22 11	6 0 9 9 9 9 9 sets 6 Sirius sets 8 0 2 4 stationary 4 2 south 7 42 6 enters II 22d. Arcti 2 rises 12	8 46 44 44 44 44 [10 13 34 ur south 44	52 7 8 5 51 7 9 6 50 7 10 7 49 7 11 8 48 7 12 9
21] Whit	Sunday or Pentecost,	John 14: 15	-31; Acts 2:	1-11. Day's L	ength, 14 hou	ers, 30 min.
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	26 Beda Venerabilis 27 John Calvin	" 5: Romans 12: 1 Cor. 13: Rom. 6: 19-7: " 8:	1 44 2 2 2 10 2 3 2 35 3 1 2 58	2 6 D 4. 6 \$ 0 8 4 \$\text{Q}\$ sets \$ 58 6 \$\text{D}\$ in apo. \$\text{Q}\$ in \$\text{B}\$ 2 south \$7 14 1 \$\text{Q}\$. Antares ris \$\text{Wega south } 2 7 \$\text{Q}\$ in Perihelion	[lion 34 Perihe-34 34 34 34 34 34 34	45 7 15 13 44 7 16 14 43 7 17 15 43 7 17 16 42 7 18 17 41 7 19 18
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Full Moon, 1st day, 11 o'clock, 8 min. Forencon.

Last Quarter, 9th " 2 " 11 " Morning.

New Moon, 15th " 5 " 15 " Afterncon.

First Quarter, 22d " 10 " 17 " Evening.

Full Moon, 31st " 1 " 45 " Morning.

1, 2, frost; 3, 4, rain; 5, 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, clear; 12, 13, thunder showers; 14, 15, fair; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, thunder showers; 19, 20, 21, variable; 22, 23, 24, 25, warm; 26, thunder; 27, 28, 29, rain; 30, 31, clear.



A CHAPTER ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

I.

WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING.

1.) The Methodist Church: Has more than two hundred missionaries in Africa, China, South America, India, Italy, and elsewhere. Lately \$10,000 were devoted to the tribes in inner Africa, brought to notice by Dr. Livingstone.

2.) The Baptist Church: Fifty years ago its Board reported one mission, one missionary, and one convert (a Burman). Now they have 13 missionaries, 1,800 stations, 750 churches, and 50,000 converts, (4,000 in 1870!)—in Africa, China, Japan, Greece, &c.

In Jamaica, West Indies, they have 110 congregations, (all self-sustaining), 14,000 children in Sunday-School, 6,000 in day school, and 2,300 in training for teachers and ministers! The American Baptist Home Mission Society supports 400 missionaries, at an outlay of \$195,000.

3.) The Presbyterian Church: In 1872 devoted \$450,000 to Foreign Missions, in South America, India, China, Persia, Japan, Africa, &c. It also has five Presbyteries on our Pacific coast.

4.) The Episcopal Church: In 1872 gave \$110,-000 to Foreign Missions.

5.) The Moravian Church: Annually devotes from \$80,000 to \$100,000 to Foreign Missions, scattered over Greenland, the West Indies, Australia, South Africa, and our Indian Territories. They have in the United States and Europe, only 15,000 communicant members, but 20,000 in their Foreign Mission Stations! What a noble record!

6.) The Reformed (Dutch) Church: Has twelve mission stations and sixteen missionaries in China, India and Japan, with 1,220 communicants. In 1872 \$65,000 were devoted to Foreign Missions.

7.) The United Brethren Church has six missionaries in the Foreign work; and the Lutheran has five

8.) The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions: With about \$437,000 supports missions in Africa, Turkey, China, Japan, Hawaiian Islands, Austria, Spain, Mexico, and our Indian Territories.

9.) In England, the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," with a yearly income of about \$450,000, supports 147 missionaries. The "Church Missionary Society" has over 200 missionaries, at a cost of over \$600,000!

The "London Missionary Society" has over 150 missionaries, and pays out \$500,000 yearly. The "Baptist Missionary Society" operates in India, Ceylon, China, Africa, and West Indies, on an income of about \$130,000. The "Wesleyan Missionary Society," founded by John Wesley, expends \$650,000 on 400 missionaries and native clergy.

Summing up the whole matter (very much of which is omitted for want of space), there are 1,300,000 converts, 2,276 Protestant Missionaries and native clergy, supported by alms amounting to over \$5,000,000! To this may be added 700,000 converts, and \$1,000,000 of the Roman Catholic Church.

These things are here set down, not to glorify others, much less to expose our own shame, but only in order that our ministers and people may carefully study the lesson thus taught by the contrast which follows. If we have been idle, let us at least not mock at those who have been so active in the Master's work.

Weeks and Days. Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon Moon's R&S Place. h. m. 3. 0.	Moon's Phases, Aspects is rises sets
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Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday  15 W. Wilberforce 16 Richard Baxter John Tauler 18 Pamphilus 19 Council at Nicæa	ames 1: Peter 1: 12–2: 3: ames 2:	9 4  8  8  20  10 25  2  14  11 24  26	14th. 6 D & stw 4 35 7 25 2 2 4 35 7 25 3 3 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 6 5 7 25 7 25 8 5 7 25 8 5 5 6 5 7 25 8 5 7 25 8 5 6 5 7 25 8 5 7 25 8 5 6 6 6 7 2 5 7 25 8 6 6 7 2 5 7 2 5 8 6 6 7 2 5 7 2 5 8 6 6 7 2 5 7 2 5 8 6 6 7 2 5 7 2 5 8 6 6 7 2 5 7 2 5 8 6 6 7 2 5 7 2 5 8 6 6 7 2 5 7 2 5 8 6 6 7 2 5 7 2 5 8 6 6 7 2 5 7 2 5 8 6 6 7 2 5 7 2 5 8 6 6 7 2 5 7 2 5 8 6 6 7 2 5 7 2 5 8 6 6 7 2 5 7 2 5 8 6 6 7 2 5 7 2 5 8 6 6 7 2 5 7 2 5 8 6 7 2 5 8 6 7 2 5 8 6 7 2 5 8 6 7 2 5 8 6 7 2 5 8 6 7 2 5 8 6 7 2 5 8 6 7 2 5 8 6 7 2 5 8 6 7 2 5 8 6 7 2 5 8 6 7 2 5 8 6 7 2 5 8 6 7 2 5 8 7 2 5 7 2 5 7 2 5 7 2 5 7 2 5 7 2 5 7 2 5 7 2 5 7 2 5 7 2 5 7 2 5 7 2 5 7 2 5 7 2 5 7 2 5 7 2 5
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26] 4th Sunday after Trinity,		2; Rom. 8: 18	3-23. Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.
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# MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 7th day, 8 o'clock, 16 min. Morning.

New Moon, 14th " 1 " 15 " Morning.

First Quarter, 21st " 3 " 0 " Afternoon.

Full Moon, 29th " 1 " 45 " Afternoon.

# CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, variable; 5, 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, thunder showers; 10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, warm; 15, 16, 17, thunder; 18, 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, warm; 23, thunder showers; 24, 25, 26, clear; 27, cloudy; 28, 29, 30, warm.

#### II.

WHAT WE ARE DOING.

Our new Board of Foreign Missions was organized only in April, 1873. It has a few thousand dollars on hand, received from the old Board, but will from this time forward need the aid of Sundayschools and congrega-tions. It is looking to Japan as the most favorable field for us. For fifteen years we have done almost nothing for Foreign Missions; let us now earnestly carry forward this interesting work. While other Churches, of almost every name and strength, have been active here, we have been idle. May God forgive us!

Perhaps our neglect of Foreign Missions

might not be so blameworthy, if we had done a great work in the Home field; but alas! here also we must smite upon our breasts and say, "We have sinned." For several years our Home Mission work has dragged—terribly. No matter why; the fact is plain and confessed, and with this alone we have to do.

# III.

# WHAT THE LORD IS DOING.

He is preparing the nations to receive the Gospel. Most wonderfully He is opening the way. Not only are Chinese and others brought to our very doors, but by means of railroads and other communications, China, Japan, Europe, Asia, and Africa are brought near us. The ocean trip from San Francisco to Yokohama is only sixteen days!

Learned Commissions of Japanese have carried back from the United States to their own country favorable notions of our laws, customs, manufac-



tures, and religion, and the Japanese are changing all their national ways. A large portion of the middle and upper classes dress in our costume, and government officers must do so. They have stages, steamers, telegraphs, and a railroad. They use foreign machinery, and sell foreign goods. Beef, the abomination of Buddhism, is largely consumed. A foreign college in Yeddo has hundreds of boys studying English, French, and German. Eight foreign physicians teach in medical colleges. Several newspapers are published, and a large quantity of English and French books are imported. They have a post-office system. Marriage has been exalted and protected. A great

educational system has been adopted, and English text-books are largely imported. They now use our calendar of days and months, and every seventh day is a day of rest (their many heathen holidays having been abolished). Besides all this, the Government has revoked the decree which had for several hundred years been in force against Christianity, and has now fully opened its doors to Christian missionaries. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

The Chinese Government is more slowly doing the same thing. In 1842 the English treaty with China opened five ports to foreigners. Immediately missionaries were sent from Europe and America. In 1845 the Emperor abolished the death-penalty for professing Christianity. Now missionaries may live in seventeen leading Chinese cities, and with passports, under later treaties, may travel over that whole immense kingdom. . . . . Surely this also the Lord hath done!

Weeks and Days. Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible R&S Place. h. m. 3. 0. Moon's Phases, Aspects s. Sun Sun O Strises sets m. h. m. h. m. h. m.
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Saturday   4 Independence	" 2: 13-3   11 10   2 sets 10 46   44 37   7 23   22
27] 5th Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Peter 3: 8-15. Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  To Sunday Thomas Sunday Thom	Galat. 1: 1-10   Acts 18: 12; 10: 1-10   11 59   17   6th. Regulus sets   44 38 7 22 24     Galatians 1: IJ; 2: 1-14   2: 15; 3: 1-14   3: 15   2: 26   2: 15; 3: 1-15   4: 4: 4: 5: 6:   2: 5   22   2   2   2   2   2   2   2   2
28] 6th Sunday after Trinity,	Matth. 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 38 min.
Nonday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  12 Henry II. 13 Eugenius 14 Bonaventura 15 Answer 16 Anna Askow 17 Speratus & 11 co. 18 Arnulf	1 Cor. 1:
29] 7th Sunday after Trinity,	
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30] 8th Sunday after Trinity,	Matth. 7: 15-23; Rom. 8: 12-17. Day's Length, 14 hours, 18 min.
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday  26 Christopher Raym.Palmarius 27 Raym.Palmarius 28 Jno. Seb. Bach 29 Olaus 30 John Wessel 31 Jno. Cas. Schade	Acts 19:11-20:1   2 24
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(3) Mars is the 5th in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

# MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 6th day, 1 o'clock, 1 min. Afternoon.

New Moon, 13th " 11 " 26 " Forenoon.

First Quarter, 21st " 8 " 30 " Morning.

Full Moon, 28th " 11 " 41 " Evening.

# CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, warm, with showers; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, showers; 7, 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, clear; 12, 13, stormy; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, warm; 19, warmest day; 20, thunder; 21, 22, 23, clear; 24, 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, variable; 29, thunder showers; 30, 31, clear.



Then, too, a number of their most talented young men are now in this country, studying our art, science, literature, laws, customs, and religion.

A missionary in China states, that if the present ratio of conversion goes on as it has been going on for some years back, by the year 1900 the native Christians in China will number over two millions.

Also railroads are stretching their long lines over missionary ground. In Africa there are 1,000 miles. In Turkey and Greece, 700. In Australia, 1,100. In all Asia, more than 5,000. A railroad now connects Yokohama and Yeddo, Japan.

It is not surprising, therefore, that these external and material changes are also accompanied by a great inner change in these nations, and that whole districts of country are embracing the Christian faith. The last ten years show wonderful progress. For example, in India, ten years ago, there were only 139,000 Christians; now there are 224,000 (an addition of 60 per cent.)! (In the preceding copies of the Order of Worship.

ten years the increase was over fifty per cent.) In some districts the increase was as high as 400

In ten years the converts of the Baptist Mission rose from 23 to 6,000; those of the Methodists, from 300 to 1,800; those of the Reformed (Dutch) Church, from 800 to 2,400; of the Lutheran from 360 to 2,400. What is true of India is true also of many other countries.

Considering all these things, and seeing not only the need of activity, but also the way so fully open, let the Reformed Church in the United States now begin anew her Foreign Mission work. Then with new meaning and spirit can we sing, "From Greenland's icy mountains."

# NEW REFORMED PAPERS IN 1873.

In 1873 the following new papers were started: 1. "Our Church Paper," the organ of the Pittsburgh Synod, issued twice a month, and edited by Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D.

2. "The Heidelberg Teacher," a monthly, issued by the Publication Board of the Ohio Synod for

Sunday School teachers.
3. "Leaves of Light," a semi-monthly Sunday

School paper, from the same source.

4. "College Days," a monthly, in the interest of Franklin and Marshall College.

5. "The Reformed Church Herald," edited by Rev. I. K. Loos and others, and published at Bethlehem, Pa.

#### MINISTERS.

The United Brethren Church has	870
The Moravian Church has	26
The Reformed (Dutch) Church has	509
The Reformed (German) Church has	595
The Presbyterian Church (North) has	4,534
The Presbyterian Church (South) has	875
The United Presbyterian Church has	584
The Cumberland Presbyterian Church has	1,085
The Roman Catholic Church has (about)	4,000
The Baptists (of various names) about	12,000
The Lutheran Church has	2,215
The Congregationalists have	3,168
The Episcopal Church has	2,953

OUR Publication Board has sold almost 10,000

Weeks and Remarkable Days	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		
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31] 9th Sunday after Trinity,	Luke 16: 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 6-13. Day's Length, 14 hours, 4 min.		
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  Mar. under Nerd Wm. Thorp Leonard Kaser Salzb'g Evang. Transfiguration 7 Nonna Hormisdas			
32] 10th Sunday after Trinity	Luke 19: 41-48; 1 Cor. 12: 5-11. Day's Length, 13 hours, 50 min.		
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  Monday 10 Laurentius 11 Greg. of Utrecht 12 An. of Havelb'g 13 C'nt. Zinzendorf 14 James Guthrie 15 Virgin Mary	Rom. 1: 1-17  " 1: 18-31  " 2: 26  D 6 2. 5. 5 rises 4 12  5 5 6 5 5 28  11th. Orion rises 5 5 76 53 30  3 20  4 2 20  1 5 5 6 6 5 4 29  1 1 5 5 5 6 5 3 30		
33] 11th Sunday after Trinity	123 11-		
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  Sunday 16 John of Saxony 17 John Gerhard 18 Hugo Grotius 20 Bernard of Clair 21 1st Mor. Miss. Saturday 22 Symphorianus	Rom. 6:  9 14 2 7 9 in 3. 2 sets 8 36 45 13 6 47 4  7: 9 39 2 19 10 in apo. 3. 45 14 6 46 5  8: 1-15 10 6 2 1 5 south 11 17 8: 16-39 10 39 2 13 Sirius rises 3 44  35 17 6 43 7		
34] 12th Sunday after Trinity	, Mark 17: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-11. Day's Length, 13 hours, 18 min.		
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35] 13th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 10: 23-27; Gal. 3: 15-22. Day's Length, 13 hours, 2 min.			
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# MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 4th day, 5 o'clock, 45 min. Evening.

New Moon, 11th " 10 " 58 " Evening.

First Quarter, 20th " 1 " 51 " Morning.

Full Moon, 27th " 8 " 26 " Morning.

# CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, thunder; 3, 4, 5, clear; 6, 7, warm; 8, 9, thunder showers; 10, 11, 12, fair; 13, 14, 15, sultry, warm; 16, thunder; 17, 18, pleasant; 19, 20, 21, 22, warm; 23, 24, thunder; 25, 26, fair; 27, thunder showers; 28, 29, clear; 30, 31, fair.



# HOW MISSION CHURCHES WORK!

You must not suppose that Mission churches receive aid, and give nothing back. They are taught to practice self-denial and almsgiving from the beginning, and to dedicate their sons to the Ministry.

1) This is true of Foreign Mission Churches. Fifty-seven Baptist Churches of the Sandwich Islands support seventeen of their own men as Foreign Missionaries among the Marquesas Islands. The jubilee offerings of about 100 poor Chinese, belonging to an Episcopal Mission, were \$2,400. About 500 Christians on the Island of Magaia, in the Pacific Ocean, last year, sent the London Missionary Society about \$600, not in money but in arrow-root and fishing nets! In ten years this church sent out 34 missionaries to labor on other islands! So in regard to the Presbyterian Missions in China. The 1220 Christians in the Dutch-Reformed Mis-

sions of China, Japan and India, last year raised \$1600 for church work. The Christians in the Tinnevelly district of India are very poor, and never have money; but at their monthly Missionary meetings a collection is taken in rice. This in one

year, when sold, brought \$5000!

2) The same thing is equally true of Home Mission churches. The Commission from the Board directs the Missionary to train the people to liberality, especially in giving to Mission work. In this way they early begin to pay back to the Church part of the aid given. The last year or two, in many cases, the Mission gives back more than it receives; and when once self-supporting, it then has learned to give freely. So also, these churches are taught to give their sons to the Holy Ministry.

Some persons think this very strange. "If they are receiving aid, why shall they give alms to be sent away from their own congregation?"

Simply in order to train them to give. It may seem strange, but it is true, that even the Orphans in our Homes, who are almost entirely supported by the Church, give alms for Missions, Beneficiary Education, and other church work. (They give part of the money which visitors give them.) Some persons would call this folly; but the Church calls it wise and good.

Mission churches, orphans, everybody should be taught to exercise the Christian grace of alms-

giving

In this way the Church receives back much of her giving. It comes in part now; but especially do these Mission churches pay back largely when they once become self-sustaining. From them and from our Orphan Homes many of our future Ministers will come.

#### OUR CHURCH IN FRANCE.

We there have 700 ministers; 1000 churches; 1200 schools; 500,000 members (of whom 20,000 are in Paris). "The French Reformed Church," says Our Church Paper, "is sometimes set down as one with the modern American Presbyterians. But in creed, cultus, government, origin, and history, they are more distinctly Reformed. This whole family is our side of the great Reformation."

Even the poorest sermon has one good point—the text.

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Friday	4 Ida	" 27: morn. 28 b south 10 4 15 36 6 24 23		
Saturday	5 John Mollio	" 28:   12 42    Aldebaran rises 10 37   1   5 37   6 23   24		
36] 14th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 17: 11-19; Gal. 5: 16-24. Day's Length, 12 hours, 42 min.				
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Monday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 1:15: 2:1-10 2 34 5 6 \$ 0 superior 25 40 6 20 26		
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Saturday	26 Lioba			
39] 17th Sunday after Trinity, Luke 14: 1-11; Eph. 4: 1-16. Day's Length, 11 hours, 48 min.				
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Monday		" 2: 7 36 2 14 9 gr. Elon. East 96 75 53 16		
Tuesday	29 St. Michael	" 3: 8 10 28 Aldebaran rises 9 8 10 6 8 5 52 17		
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# MOON'S PHASES.

 Last Quarter, 2d day, 11 o'clock, 53 min. Evening.

 New Moon, 10th " 1 " 9 " Afternoon.

 First Quarter, 18th " 6 " 3 " Evening.

 Full Moon, 25th " 5 " 5 " Evening.

# CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, warm; 4, 5, thunder; 6, 7, 8, clear; 9, 10, 11, warm; 12, 13, showers; 14, 15, 16, pleasant; 17, 18, 19, warm; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, cloudy; 25, 26, stormy; 27, 28, 29, 30, fair.

# A CHAPTER ON HOME MISSSIONS.

What is Home Mission work? Simply to organize congregations in our own country, and aid them with money until they become self-

supporting.

The strong must help the weak. What was it but this, when the poor Jews of Palestine were helped to rebuild Jerusalem? The whole Book of Acts is simply a missionary record! Paul was not supported by the Christians of Macedonia, but by those of Philippi (Phil. 4: 15, 16). Was not our own Church planted and supported in America by the Reformed Church in Holland (see "Life of Michael Schlatter")?

It is not just money that is now needed, but rather a missionary spirit, so that our people will give, not because they must, or because a powerful appeal has been made, but because

they know the great work to be done, and want

to do it.

Gratitude to God and our fathers should fill us with this missionary spirit. Your whole neighborhood, good reader, was at one time missionary ground, and somebody having the spirit of our Master, practiced self-denial, that the Church might there be established. Now that you have strong churches all around you, it does not become you to neglect the same wants of others in the South and West especially. Help them to establish the Church there, and they will spread it still farther

What has our Church done, of late years, in the work of Home Missions?

Compared with what the Church did thirty years ago, we have done much. There are ministers yet living, who remember the time when we had not five actual missionaries, and when all our missionary money was less than \$1000; though now our poorest Classes give as much.

This is encouraging; but let it not lessen our penitence for plain neglect, much less make us boastf or even satis-

fied.

The last report of the General Board of Missions gives the following facts: We have 80 missions, (with 125 congregations); 13 of them vacant. Of these mission congregations, 29 are in Pennsylvania, 41 West of it, and the rest in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and Canada; 15 are English, 44 German, and 21 have both English and German service. The report covers three years. In this time the

years. In this time the old Eastern Synod gave for Missions about \$18,000—less than \$6,000 a year! Let a membership of 80,000 humbly say, "We have sinned!" Seven and a half cents per member to plant the Church of Christ in waste places! No wonder the Eastern Synod in October 1872 said: "This is not creditable to our Church!" Oh, for the spirit of our Lord, and of His Apostles, and of the Early Church,

to move us to faithfulness!

Behold, how much yet remains to be done! How loud the calls are, and from every quarter! Iowa alone needs much help. Virginia is a great ripe field. The Pacific Coast,—especially California—calls upon us; to say nothing of a dozen other

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41] 19th Sunday after Trinity, Matth. 9: 1-8; Eph. 4: 17-32. Day's Length, 11 hours, 12 min.				
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42] 20th Sunday after Trinity, Matth. 22: 1-14; Eph. 5: 15-21. Day's Length, 10 hours, 54 min.				
Sunday   18 St. Luke     Prov. 1: 2:   11 19				
Monday       19 Bruno       " 3:       more.       10       0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0				
43] 21st Sunday after Trinity, John 4: 46-54; Eph. 6: 10-20. Day's Length, 10 hours, 36 min.				
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# (2) Jupiter is the 5th in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

# MOON'S PHASES.

 Last Quarter,
 2d day,
 8 o'clock,
 37 min.
 Morning.

 New Moon,
 10th
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 6 "
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 Morning.

 First Quarter,
 18th
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 28 "
 Morning.

 Full Moon,
 25th
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 17 "
 Morning.

 Last Quarter,
 31st
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 8 "
 58 "
 Evening.

# CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, rain; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, 8, pleasant; 9, 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, 17, variable; 13, 19, rain; 20, 21, cloudy; 22, 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, 27, fair; 28, 29, rain; 30, 31, clear.



States, where we have many members and but few churches.

Not only our own people in these States call upon us for the gospel, but thousands of others. Have we nothing to do with the conversion of the world? We talk about "material" in this or that place, meaning our own members who have gone there; but souls are our material, whether they are in our Church or out of it. Very true, our own people are calling loudly from North, South, East, and West, "Send us ministers;" but to this call must be added also that of the world.

"But Home Missions cost so much money, and take so much time," says some one. Do you not know, that this is so with all great things? The Church, like the oak, is of slow growth, because it will endure forever.

Talk about expense and time! Why shall the Church be stingy in its great work, when the world is so free with its money? The Mont Cenis tunnel any church work or service.

through the mountains, separating France and Italy, cost 15 years labor, 1000 lives, and \$13,000, 000! The Suez Canal, connecting the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea, cost an almost countless sum, and was finished only after many years of frequent and serious hindrances. So the Niagara Ship Canal, six miles long, required two years labor, and \$15,000,000. So Railroads are built,

and other public enterprises.

Why can these earthly interests be so liberally sustained? Because men think it will pay; or else they want to benefit the world with their money. But will not Missions pay? Is it money lost, even as an investment, to Christianize a community? Have Christians so little interest in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, the King of kings, that they think too much money is spent on it? The cost of Foreign Missions in the whole world is not more than about \$7,000,000 a year. The cost of Home Missions is not much more. Yet men call this much! Does Christianity do less for the world than tunnels, bridges, canals, and railroads?

Our ministers and people need to study this subject carefully; get the facts; enter into the spirit of the work; and pay as well as pray "Thy kingdom come." Until then, by what right do we

sing Hymn 146th?

# THE APOSTLES' CREED.

In the Heidelberg Catechism the Creed is not on a fly-leaf, nor at the end, nor in some other obscure place, as if we were ashamed of it, or as if it were a worn-out relic; but it is in the very heart of the Catechism, yea, itself its beating heart. So it is put, not in the First Part, to convict us of sin; nor in the Third Part, to teach us how to live; but in the Second Part, to teach us the way of salvation.

# ENCOURAGE THEM.

Some parents never have an encouraging word for their children, but rather the reverse. All this has a depressing, dwarfing effect, and destroys selfconfidence, without which the young are to be pitied.

Especially should parents beware of discouraging a child in regard to confirmation, the ministry, or

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### MOON'S PHASES.

 New Moon,
 9th day,
 12 o'clock,
 32 min.
 Morning.

 First Quarter,
 16th
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 Evening.

 Full Moon,
 23d
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 Afternoon.

 Last Quarter,
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 Afternoon.

# CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, pleasant; 4, 5, 6, Indian Summer; 7, 8, rain; 9, 10, 11, cloudy; 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, 16, 17, clear; 18, cloudy; 19, 20, 21, rain; 22, 23, 24, clear; 25, 26, rain and snow; 27, 28, 29, cold; 30, fair

# THE OLD CHURCH PAPERS.

"I had some sad thoughts coming from the store to-night, wife," said farmer Bender. "The things I bought are wrapped up in an old Messenger of 1853, no doubt sold for wrappingpaper by people who did not appreciate it."

"Did you not object to it?"

"Yes, but the man said that nine out of ten do not keep their Messengers."

"But he did not tell you how many keep their political papers," said Mrs. Bender, with a significant nod of the head.

"Oh, these old church papers have too much history in them, too many sermons, good lessons, useful stories, and sweet poetry to be torn

up for waste paper. Ours are sacred to me, having been read by us all, and talked over day by day through the week."

"Yes, and then the children will read them in after years. Nothing can give them a better idea of what the Church was, and was doing—how she was troubled, and how she prospered—than these old Messengers."

"They make quite a pile now."

"Yes, and some people say they take up too much room. But if people can stow away old bedsteads, shoes, baskets, and other rubbish, surely there must be room also for the Church paper."

GET your Church paper. Buy Church books. Pay your minister regularly and fully. Hear all his preaching. Do as he tells you.



# TOO MUCH FOR ONE DAY.

It may seem strange to hear it said, but we venture to say, that, in many cases, there is too much public service on the Lord's Day. Two sermons, Sunday School (perhaps two sessions), prayer meeting or Bible Class, or bothwhy, people are away from home almost the entire day. It kills family catechization, Bible-reading, and private meditation and devotion.

# INDIAN SUMMER.

A lovely season—hazy, warm, quiet, dreamy, and peculiar, when the trees are in royal dress, and our hearts strangely affected. The cause is a mystery. Two theories are given:

1. Smoke from

burning matter. This is reasonable. Indian Summer is much shorter now than thirty or fifty years ago, because so much less land is cleared, and so much less matter burned.

2. The electrical currents do not carry off the lower strata of moist air. Hence the haze, produced by light shining through the moist air.

# WHAT FOREIGN MISSIONS COST.

For example: the Harpoot Mission in Eastern Turkey, under the care of the "American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions," begun in 1855, and covering a district of 20,000 square miles, costs only \$8,000 a year—less than many a single city church costs. Many of these mission congregations become self-supporting, and are then left much to their own care.

Weeks and Days.    Daily Bible   Moon's Phases, Aspects   S. Sun Sun Sets   S. Sun Sun Sets   S. Sun			
Tuesday Wednesday Z John Ruysbrock Thursday Friday Saturday 5 Crispin   Matth. 19: 1-12   morn.			
49] 2d Sunday in Advent, Luke 21: 25-36; Rom. 15: 4-13. Day's Length, 9 hours, 18 min			
Sunday Monday       6 Nicholas       Acts 17: 15-34       5 10       12 27 rises 2 26       [10 21] 97 21 4 49/24         Monday Tuesday       8 Mart. Rinkard Wednesday       8 Mart. Rinkard Paul Eber       Deuteronomy 5: Deut. 27 Romans 7: Leviticus 16:       8 8. 9 in 8. 6 p. 8. 9 in 8. 6 p. 8. 224 48/25       8 7 224 48/26         Thursday Friday       10 Paul Eber Romans 7: Leviticus 16:       6 36       5 26       5 21       6 36       5 21       6 7 23 4 47/29       6 7 23 4 47/29			
50] 3d Sunday in Advent, Matth. 11: 2-10; 1 Cor. 4: 1-5. Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.			
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51] 4th Sunday in Advent, John 1: 19-31; Phil. 4: 4-7. Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.			
Sunday       20 Abraham       John 3: 23-36: Isaiah 42: Isaia			
52] Sunday after Christmas, Matth. 1: 18-25; Gal. 4: 1-7. Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.			
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(9) Venus is the 9th Inferior conjunction with the Sun. Passes from Evening Star to Marning Star			

(9) Venus is the 9th Inferior conjunction with the Sun. Passes from Evening Star to Morning Star.

#### MOON'S PHASES.

 New Moon,
 8th day, 7 o'clock,
 5 min. Evening.

 First Quarter, 16th
 " 7 " 23 " Morning.

 Full Moon,
 22d
 11 " 55 " Evening.

 Last Quarter,
 30th
 " 9 " 34 " Morning.

#### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, mild; 4, 5, variable; 6, cloudy; 7, 8, 9, rain and snow; 10, 11, cloudy; 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, 16, clear, cold; 17, 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, rain and snow; 24, 25, 26, clear, cold; 27, cloudy; 28, 29, variable, with snow; 30, 31, mild weather.

# CHRISTMAS.

Let us with grateful and joyful hearts hear anew the glad tidings of the angel: "Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord;" and with all God's people join anew in the sweet song of the heavenly host, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men." With the wise men, too, let us worship and bow down before our Lord, bringing suitable offerings of devotion, praise, and adoration.

# IT IS SPREADING.

Christmas used to be observed only by Re-formed people, Luther-ans, Episcopalians, and a few others; but of late years the Christmas spirit has crept into almost all the Protestant

Churches—first into the Sunday School, and then into the congregation. Christmas gifts, trees, sermons, and even decorations are now very common among those who, a few years ago, were either silent on the subject, or else bitterly opposed it as Romish. They now have come to see that it is wholesome, fitting, and Christian.

Some went out while the deacons lifted the alms. "That is right," said the minister; "those who have no money need not wait for the basket." No more went out.

WHEN you move to a new home, find your church at once, instead of waiting till the church finds you.



#### ADVENT.

The Church Year begins with the First Advent, and ends with the Second Advent. The second, like the first, is an article of faith and hope. "From thence He shall come again to judge the quick and the dead."

# MAKING TOO MUCH OF CHRISTMAS.

Can it be done? Oh. yes; but the danger lies not on the side of Church-service, but of world-service. No danger we shall sing, pray, preach, or meditate too much about the coming of our blessed Saviour in the flesh; but there is actual danger that we may eat and drink too much, be too much engaged with the lower Christmas pleasures of home and friends, that we may give too many gifts to each other, and too few to Christ and His poor!

Beware of this danger. There is much Christ-mas festivity and joy with no Christ in it. Let not our Church-service be pushed aside by worldservice. We have souls as well as bodies, and our Christmas must have worship in it as well as social

engagements.

"WHAT a pity men should die!" said a man who had just built a fine new house. But rather, what a pity, if we had always to stay in such poor, perishing tabernacles like these!

Look over the list of books published by our Board of Publication, and then ask your pastor to send for what you ne

# SYNOD OF OHIO OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The following table, earlibring the time and place of the meetings of the Synod of Ohio, the names of its officers, and the number of Communicants in union with the Reformed Church within its bounds, was carefully prepared by Rev. Isaac H. Retter, Mamisburg, Ohio. As the statistics for some years were somewhat imperfect, this table may not, in every particular, be entirely correct, but it is sufficiently so for all practical purposes, and with be valuable for reference.

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# EXPLANATORY NOTES.

- 1. The Synod of Ohlo, by an arrangement adopted in 1839, divided itself into three District Synods, and constituted itself a General Synod to meet every third year. Hence, as will be seen, it held no meetings in 1840 and 1841; but the District Synods, which convened annually, did meet in these years. This whole arrangement was abolished in 1842, and the system of dividing the Synod into Classes was adopted, and continued to the present time.
  - 2. The Ohio Synod, since its organization in 1824, convened four times in special sessions, namely: -April 18, 1850; December 14, 1850; December 5, 1854; and November 18, 1869.
    - 3. The official title of the Stated Clerk was that of Secretary from 1824 to 1829 inclusive, and from 1830 until 1844, that of Recording Secretary. In 1844 it was changed to that of Stated Clerk. There was no Corresponding Secretary elected until in 1830.
- 4. The apparent discrepancy, or abrupt diminution in communicants in the years 1858, 1867 and 1870, is owing to the fact that Clarion Classis in 1867, and Westmoreland Chasis in 1869 were dismissed respectively to the Synod in the United States and to the Pittsburg Synod; and in 1867 the Northwestern Synod organized out of the Classes of St. Joseph, Indiana, Sheborgan, Heidelberg and Erie, previously belonging to the Synod of Ohio.
  - 5. The communicants of the German Independent Synod, existing from 1846 to 1852, a period of six years, are included in these statistics for those years.

# NORTHWESTERN SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

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TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.	PRESIDENT.	STATED CLERK.	COR. SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	COMMUNI- OANTS.
1870, February 11*   Pittsburg, Pa.   Rev. F. K. Levan   Rev. W. E. Krebs.   Rev. J. G. Shoemaker   Mr. W. E. Schmertz.   1870, November 2.   Buffalo, N.   W. E. Schmertz.   1871, October 18.   Greensburg, Pa.   G. Shoemaker   W. J. G. Sh	v. F. K. Levan	Rev. W. E. Krebs	ker. J. G. Shoemaker	Mr. W. E. Schmertz	7,142 7,773 8,065 8,158

# GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

MEMBERS.	107.394 109 926 117,910 130,299
COMMUNI- CANTS.	89,115 91,547 96,725 109,507
TREASURER. COMMUNI. MEMBERS.	John Wiest
COR. SECRETARY.	Rev. G. W. Williard, D.D. Geo. B. Russell J. O. Miller D. E. Kopp
STATED CLERK.	Rev. I. H. Reiter
PRESIDENT.	Rev. J. W. Nevin, D.D
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#### MEETING OF THE CLASSES

CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.
East Pennsylvania		May 12th, 1874,
Lebanon	Pine Grove, Pa	May 28th, 1874.
Philadelphia	St. Matthew's Church, Pa	June 7th, 1874.
Joshenhoppen	Amityville, Pa	May 7th, 1874.
New York	Bresleu, Long Island	May 26th, 1874.
Lancaster	New Providence, Pa	M y 28th, 1874.
East Susquehanna	Uniontown, Pa	May 7th 1874
West Susquehanna	Boalsburg, Pa	May 7th, 1874. May 20th, 1874.
Philadelphia (Garman)	Zion's Church, Philadelphia	September 15th, 1874.
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Westmoreland	Pleasant Unity, Pa	June 4th, 1874.
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Somerset	Cumberland, Md	May 28th, 1874.
Zion's	Abbotstown, Pa	May 15th, 1874.
Maryland	Manchester, Md.	June 4th, 1874.
Mercersburg	Everett, Pa.	June 4th, 1874.
Virginia	St. John's Church, Augusta Co., Va	May 5th, 1874.
North Carolina	Lower Stone Church, N. C.	May 7th, 1874.
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English—		
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Obviction World	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa	
Defended Wind		1848.
The Creation	Vinton, Benton Co., Iowa	1860.
the Guardian	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa "	1850,

NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED.	WHEN FIRST ISSUED.
English-			
Reformed Church Messenger	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa	Weekly	1827.
Christian World	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio	44	1848.
Reformed Missionary	Vinton, Benton Co., Iowa	Monthly	1860.
The Guardian	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa	46	1850.
Child's Treasury	66 66 66	Semi-monthly	1859.
Mercersburg Review		Quarterly	1849.
Our Church Paper	84 Third Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa	Every other week	1873.
Reformed Church Herald	Bethlehem, Pa	Monthly	1873.
College Days	Lancaster, Pa	**	1873.
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Leaves of Light		Semi-monthly	1873.
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Reformirte Kirchenzeitung	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa	Weekly	1838.
Der Evangelist	Cleveland, Ohio	46	1856.
Reformirte Hausfreund	Reading, Pa	Every other week	1866.
Der Lammerhirte	907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa	Monthly	1859.
Morgen-Stern	Cleveland, Ohio	66	1863.

# LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U.S.

· NAME.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENTS.
Franklin and Marshall College	Lancaster, Pa	JOHN W. NEVIN, D. D.
Heidelberg College	Tiffin, Ohio	GEO. W. WILLIARD, D. D.
Catawba College	Newtown, N. C	REV. J. C. CLAPP, A. M.
Mercersburg College	Mercersburg, Pa	E. E. HIGBEE, D. D.
Clarion Collegiate Institute	Rimersburg, Clarion County, Pa	REV. J. J. PENNEPACKER, A.M.
Palatinate College	Meyerstown, Lebanon County, Pa	REV. G. W. AUGHINBAUGH, D. D.
Juniata Collegiate Institute	Martinsburg, Pa	REV. LUCIAN CORT, A. M.
Ursinus College	Collegeville, Montgomery County, Pa	J. H. A. BOMBERGER, D. D.
Calvin Institute	Cleveland, Ohio	REV. F. FORWICK.
Blairstown Academy	Blairstown, Benton County, Iowa	
Shelby College	Shelbyville, Illinois	REV. S. P. MEYERS.
Eastern Theological Seminary	Lancaster, Pa	E. V. GERHART, D. D
Western Theological Seminary	Tiffin, Ohio	J. H. GOOD, D. D.
Mission House	Howard's Grove, Wisconsin	J. BOSSARD, D. D.
Allentown Female College	Allentown, Pa	REV. W. R. HOFFORD, A. M.
St. John's Select School	Knoxville, Md	REV. G. L. STALEY, D. D.

# ORPHAN HOMES OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.
Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa Butler, Butler County, Pa	Rev. D. B. Albright	95 45

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HENRY WIEGAND  JACOB MAYER. AUGUSTUS L. HERMAN. JOHN LIANDZ. WILLIAM A. GOOD. ISAAC SHELLHAMMER. DANIEL ZACHARIAS, D.D. CONRAD SAURE. PETER S. FISHER. THEOBALD FOUSE. JOHN WILLIAM HOFFMEIER.	1822 1832 1837 1832 1827 1828 1856 1825	1838 1833 1828 1858 1826 1842	White Pigeon, Mich. Lock Haven, Pa. Reading, Pa. Taneytown, Md. Reading, Pa. Conyngham, Pa. Frederick, Md. Cincinnati, O. Sellersville, Pa. Woodcock Valley, Pa. Manchester, Md.	October 29th, 1872  December 31st, 1872  January 26th, 1873  February 9th, 1873  February 22d, 1873  March 31st, 1873  May 22d, 1873  Aug, 22d, 1873  Aug, 22d, 1873	63 75 65 62 63 72 68 53 69 71

#### SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

This Society is by far the oldest of the benevolent institu-This Society is by far the oldest of the benevolent institu-tions of the Reformed Church in this country. It was incor-porated in the year 1810, by a charter from the State of Penn-sylvania, but it was in actual operation long before. As early, as the year 1790, the records state, that "the members of Synod several years before did covenant and agree to pay the Trea-surer forty shillings each year" for what was called the "Widows' Fund." Official documents also show, that the Synod kept up such a fund for many years before, probably from the beginning of our history as a Church in this country. Before the Revolution, the Synods of North and South Holland, which superintended the affairs of our churches, frequently sent contributions, called "gifts of love," to the Widows' Fund, with the understanding, that it should be increased by free gifts from our own congregations.

The moneys thus received, were generally paid out to the

widows of deceased ministers, as circumstances seemed to require; and no attempt was made to create a permanent fund to

quire; and no attempt was made to create a permanent fund to meet the increasing wants of the Church in this direction, until a comparatively recent period.

Within the last fifteen or twenty years, under judicious management, its funds have been steadily increasing, and the sphere of its beneficence enlarged. By a change in its charter it now assists disabled ministers, no less than the widows of those deceased. At present two disabled ministers and eight widows of deceased ministers receive a yearly appropriation of \$50 each. The invested fund now amounts to \$11,870. Five years ago it was only \$6,400.

The Society presents at each annual meeting of the Eastern Synod, a statement of its affairs, which is then incorporated in the Synodical Minutes. For several years past the Synod has requested its congregations to lift a collection for the Society in the month of June. Last year only about fifty charges did so.

The funds of the Society are increased, therefore, from four sources:—"initiation fees; annual fees; the above named collections; and the interest of the invested funds."

The initiation fee is \$5.00; the yearly dues are \$3.00; a

life-membership costs \$65.00.

Copies of Charter and By-Laws will be cheerfully furnished by the Treasurer, Rev. Theodore Appel, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.

# THE WOMELSDORF ORPHAN HOME.

Its corporate title is "The Orphans' Home of the Shepherd Its corporate title is "The Orphans' Home of the Shepherd of Lambs." It was founded and opened by Rev. Emanuel T. C. Bœringer, September 21st, 1863, with one orphan, and a treasury of \$21.50. In four months it had twelve inmates.

In July, 1864, a larger house having been bought, it was removed to Bridesburg, Pa.. with thirty inmates. In October Rev. Bœringer died, and for two years Rev. John Gantenbein was Superinte dent. After him, for two years, Rev. D.Y. Heisler.

In November, 1867, the Home was removed to Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., a more healthy and accessible location, where the

Board of Managers purchased 27 acres of ground, on which is a brick building 120 feet by 50, having 60 rooms, besides the attice. Some time after its removal, the Rev. D. B. Albright succeeded

Some time after its removal, the Rev. D. B. Albright succeeded Mr. Heisler, as Superintendent.

This cost \$33,000. Add interest and the cost of repairs, and the amount is \$40,000, all of which was paid by July, 1871 (besides \$40,000 more for the daily support of the Home)!

The Home is under a Board of thirteen Managers, who elect the Superintendent. The children are instructed in German

and English, and receive a good English education as well as thorough Christian indoctrination. The Board has control of girls to eighteen, and boys to twenty-one. Often they are put out into Christian families, to trades or work, but provision is made for their education and Christian instruction,

One hundred children are now in the Home. It costs something over \$10,000 a year to feed and clothe them. The farm itself yields almost \$1,000. Are you doing what you should to

support the Home?

The Home has had one trouble of late years, namely, to furnish work enough for its boys, who are now growing up. They need to be trained to industry as well as to prayer. Accordingly the Board of Managers lately bought a farm of about sixty acres, beside the Home, at a cost of about \$11,000. They had no money; but they are sure the Church, seeing that this was necessary, will pay for the farm as she cheerfully paid for the Home. Send in your help promptly.

# HOW OUR OLD MINISTERS WERE EDUCATED.

The Eastern Theological Seminary was not founded until 1825. Before that time, and even in part for some years after, young men were educated for the ministry in the families of ministers, who, besides this, had the care of several large congregations.

In this way, Rev. Dr. C. L. Becker, of Baltimore, educated his son, J. C. Becker, James Reily, William Dechant, Philip Mayer, Jacob Geiger, Nicholas P. Hacke, Henry Habliston,

and others.

Rev. Dr. Samuel Helffenstein educated his own sons, besides Isaac Gerhart, J. Wm. Hamm, Martin Brunner, Jacob Meyer and Henry Gerhart.

Under Rev. Dr. Jacob C. Becker were educated his two sons, Charles and Cyrus, H. Koch, Simon Riegel, Diedrich Willers, Samuel Hess and others.

So Dr. F. L. Herman educated his sons for the ministry, P.

S. Fisher, J. C. Guldin, R. S. Schneck, and others.

The ministers educated in this private way were generally men of great endurance and perseverance. Most of them have been very successful in their sacred work.

Now such private instruction is seldom necessary, as we have several Theological Seminaries.

The Article on "Excuses for Neglecting the Lord's Table" in last year's Almanac should have been credited to the London Tract Society.

# ALPHABETICAL REGISTER OF THE MINISTERS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

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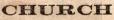
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